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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A fuel filter ~~of an internal combustion engine~~ has having a filter housing ~~of an internal combustion engine~~ in which water separated from the fuel may collect within the filter ~~is so as~~ to permit collection of the largest possible quantity of separated water in the smallest possible overall volume. ~~To this end, such a fuel filter is characterized by the following features.~~ This fuel filter has a liquid line (3) which leads out of an area of the filter housing that is exposed to fuel and in which separated water can settle out due to gravity into a water collecting chamber (4) situated outside the filter housing, . There is also an upper area of the water collecting chamber (4) which is connected by a connecting line (5) mounted there to a fuel delivery line (1) of the internal combustion engine.

~~(Figure 1)~~